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becomes because the Welfare Department refuses to give precise answers as to what they want. So I would support Senator Cavanaugh's motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, I would ask for the previous question.

PRESIDENT: You were the last light that was on. Senator Cavanaugh, would you close debate, please?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, Senator Kennedy, you will have to answer some questions for the body, then, if you would. Senator Kennedy, doesn't this bill say on line 8 that the Department may initiate an action for any claim or right which the applicant may have against a third party, and welfare applicant may have against a third party, the Department may initiate the action, right?

SENATOR KENNEDY: I am sure they would like the privilege of initiating the action which they do not have now so that they might collect that and I think you can read the language the same as I do.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Right, then it is going to take lawyers to do that, right?

SENATOR KENNEDY: I am sure they have one lawyer or two lawyers, whatever is necessary to do that. They are not going to create a department of lawyers. I am sure we know that.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Well, Senator Kennedy, all right, thank you. You have at least agreed with me on what it is going to do. And what it is going to do is, you have got, I don't know, how many welfare recipients in the State of Nebraska who may or may not have different claims or rights against other third parties in the State of Nebraska. You have got a legal department now, the Welfare Department, who is able to initiate lawsuits in their behalf, whether they want to or not, whether they want to pursue it or not, whether they think they have been injured or not, and you have got a State Department making those judgments on private litigation. It is nonsense. It is ridiculous. When what they say they want to do is what we had in my amendment, they want to be compensated when they make out a medical payment, then the person sues somebody and get compensated back for that medical payment, the Department of Welfare wants to be reimbursed for that. Perfectly all right. That is what my amendment would have done, and if that is what they really wanted to do, I assume that the amendment would have been acceptable. But you or this Legislature and the Department of Welfare don't, I think, want to do what they say they want to do because this language says that they can enter into, create their own lawsuits, create their own litigation. That is a completely different ball game than getting the money